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In Re the Application of:

Alexander Michael Chagovetz

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For: "METHODS FOR REAL-TIME DETECTION AND QUANTIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES USING FLUORESCENT PRIMERS"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents BOX SEQUENCE Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Applicant respectfully requests that all amendments be accepted and entered. The present amendments are made to comply with the Sequence Listing Rules and do not introduce new matter into the application. Applicant also requests that any fee not covered and required under the rules be deducted from deposit account no. 08-2665.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

1. Please delete the nucleotide sequence in the second line of text of page 21, "AGCACCTTCGGGATGAATCAGGCAACAGCTACTCTCCTG," and substitute for it the following reformatted nucleotide sequence: "SEQ ID NO: 1 agcaccttcg ggatgaatca ggcaacagct actetcctg."

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- 2. Please delete the nucleotide sequence in the fourth line of text of page 21, "5'-AGCACCTTCGGGATGAATC-3" and substitute for it the following reformatted nucleotide sequence: "SEQ ID NO: 2 agcaccttcg ggatgaatc."
- 3. Please delete the nucleotide sequence in the fifth and sixth lines of text on page 21, "5'-CAGGAGAGTAGCTGTTGCC-3" and substitute for it the following reformatted nucleotide sequence: "SEQ ID NO: 3 caggagagta gctgttgcc."
- 4. Please add the page entitled SEQUENCE LISTING to the end of the application, a copy of which is attached hereto. A computer readable version of the paper copy is also submitted with this Preliminary Amendment. The information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing. The written sequence attached and the computer readable form contain no new matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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